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SUBJECT: FRENCH COMMENTS ON ANGOLA

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF BANGUI SUMMIT MARCH 21, QUAI DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA REBEYROL TOLD US THAT ZAIRE, THE CONGO AND GABON HAVE SOLICITED FRENCH SUPPORT FOR AN AUTONOMOUS (READ INDEPENDENT) CABINDA. REBEYROL SAID THE FRENCH FIRMLY REFUSED THE REQUESTS. HE INDICATED THAT FRANCE INTENDS TO STAY ENTIRELY OUT OF THE CONFUSED ANGOLAN SITUATION BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT UNITA CHIEF SAVIMBI WILL SHORTLY VISIT PARIS AT HIS REQUEST. WHEN THE POSSIBLE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE HANDS-OFF POLICY AND SAVIMBI'S VISIT WERE NOTED, REBEYROL SAID THE QUAI WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE HOLDEN AND NETO SHOULD THEY, TOO, INVITE THEMSELVES.

2. COMMENT: THE QUAI APPEARS ANXIOUS TO DENY PERSISTENT RUMORS OF FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN CABINDA, RUMORS FOR
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